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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Franz-Josef RUBRODER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/991,964) Examiner: Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.
Filed: November 26, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR THE)
STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS)
IN COMPLEX MIXTURES)
DURING THEIR STORAGE IN)
AQUEOUS SOLVENTS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, please amend the application as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 23 and 48, and add new claims 78-83, as follows:

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23. (Amended) A process for the storage of a protein in an aqueous solution, comprising adding an amount of cysteine effective to delay the temporal decrease in the effective concentration of the protein by preventing chemical modification of SH groups on the protein during storage, wherein the effective concentration does not decrease by more than about 7%.

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